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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed April 26, 2005, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expired on July 26, 2005 and which has been extended one (1) month to August 26, 2005, amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.